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DILG: Nationwide road-clearing resumes Nov. 16

After more than seven months of suspension, the DILG has announced the resumption of the Road-Clearing Operation 2.0 (RCO 2.0) depending on the quarantine classification of the local government units (LGUs), giving 60 calendar days for local governments to comply with the Presidential directive.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that with the flattened COVID-19 curve and improved quarantine classification in various areas of the country, RCO 2.0 will officially commence on November 16 until January 15, 2021 giving LGUs ample time to comply.

“Sisimulan na po ulit ang road clearing starting November 16. We hope that the LGUs, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, will show the same enthusiasm and positive results that they were able to achieve last year as we aim for safer and accessible roads free from illegal and potentially hazardous encroachments,” Año said.

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DILG, DOH begin retooling of all 46k BHERTS nationwide

Cognizant of the key role of barangays as frontliners in the fight against COVID-19, the DILG and the Department of Health (DOH) have begun the retooling of all 46,621 Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) nationwide to ensure effective local COVID-19 management and response in the communities.

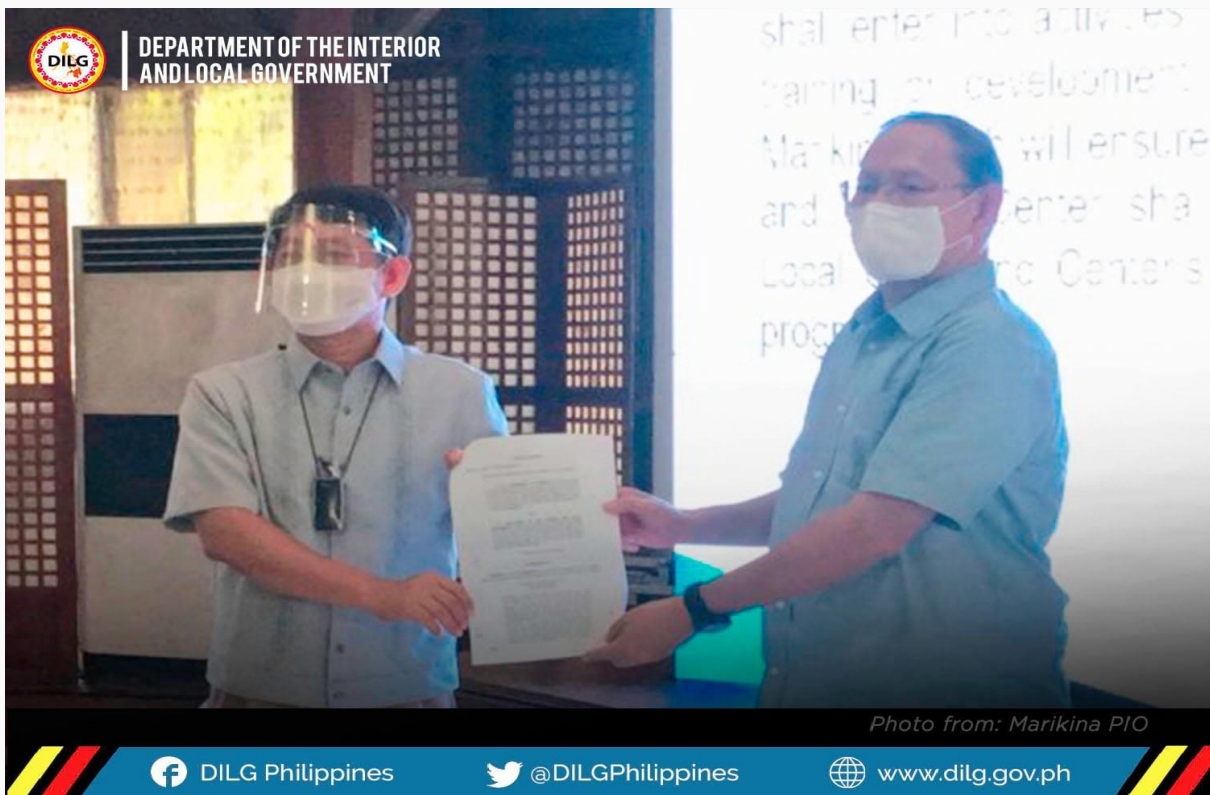
“Ngayon pong pababa na ang mga kaso sa ating bansa, the only way that we can maintain the momentum is to ensure that our BHERTs are functioning well. They are our first line of defense,” DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said during the BHERT FRIENDS launching at Camp Aguinaldo recently.

He stressed the importance of enhancing the skills and capacities of the over 46,000 BHERTS in the country to ensure that they can protect and respond to the needs of the communities amid the pandemic.

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“Nakasalalay po sa BHERTs ang tuluyang pagsugpo sa COVID-19. Sila ang ating first line of defense and response. Sa kanilang maagap at epektibong pagkilos, hindi kakalat ang virus sa buong komunidad hanggang sa maging zero case na tayo.”

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año



DILG and Marikina LGU ink pact for Safe Philippines Command Center

The DILG together with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and the City Government of Marikina recently signed the Deed of Usufruct for the establishment of the Safe Philippines National Command and Control Center (SafePh NCCC) in the said city.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año is optimistic that this partnership will accelerate the capabilities of public safety institutions in terms of reducing criminality and improving the management of fire services, jail services, disaster risk reduction, and traffic management.

“Malaking bagay ang pangunguna ng LGU ng Marikina sa kasunduang pagtibayin ang mga hakbang ng pamahalaan sa pagsigurong ligtas at panatag ang ating mga mamamayan,” Año said.

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DILG-NCR holds disaster risk assessment training for Pateros LGOOs

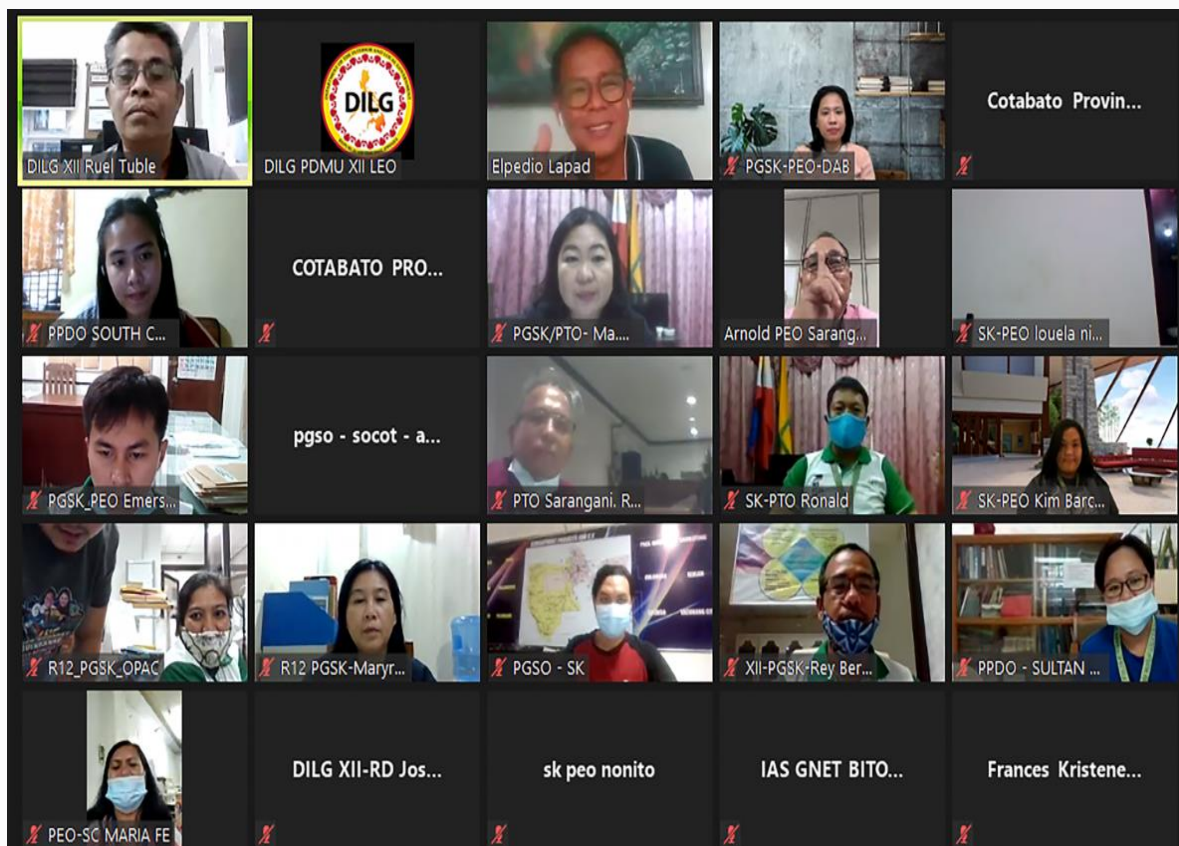
DILG-NCR's Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD) held a Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) training for key officials of the Municipality of Pateros and select Local Government Operations Officers (LGOOs).

Adopting a hybrid format for the training, participants from Pateros conducted a face to face

training following prescribed health protocols, while LGOOs attended virtually via the Zoom platform.

The activity is a follow up of the 2019 results of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) assessment of NCR LGUs conducted by the Metro Manila Comprehensive Development Plan Technical Assessment Committee and Secretariat (MM CDP TACS). Based on the review of the team composed of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and DILG-NCR, Pateros requires capacity development intervention in the creation of their CDP.

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DILG 12 LGUs pledge to improve Local Road Asset Management

Provincial local government units (PLGUs) in SOCCSKSARGEN have pledged to improve their respective Local Road Asset Management (LRAM) as the DILG 12 campaigns for a more efficient local road and public financial management in local governments.

"Not all provincial roads and bridges were booked as assets, and the roads' life cycle management is not generally evident. The implication is that the PLGUs have weak financial management related to roads," DILG XII Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, said in a virtual meeting.

Road infrastructure is one of the government's most crucial public assets to help boost communities' economic growth and improve people's lives, she added.

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Cascolan: PNP to lead disaster relief and rehab efforts in Typhoon Rolly aftermath

In the aftermath of Typhoon Rolly, PNP Chief, Police General Camilo Pancratius P Cascolan ordered Directors of Area Police Commands to lead post disaster clean-up, relief, and rehabilitation operations of regional and provincial police offices in hardest hit areas.

PNP Units were instructed to initiate clearing operations of highways and main thoroughfares to allow smooth passage of emergency services, relief caravans, and commercial cargo.

“In the spirit of Bayanihan, the PNP is linking arms with local government units, state agencies and NGOs in rebuilding and rising from the devastation left by Typhoon Rolly,” Cascolan said. [Read more](#)



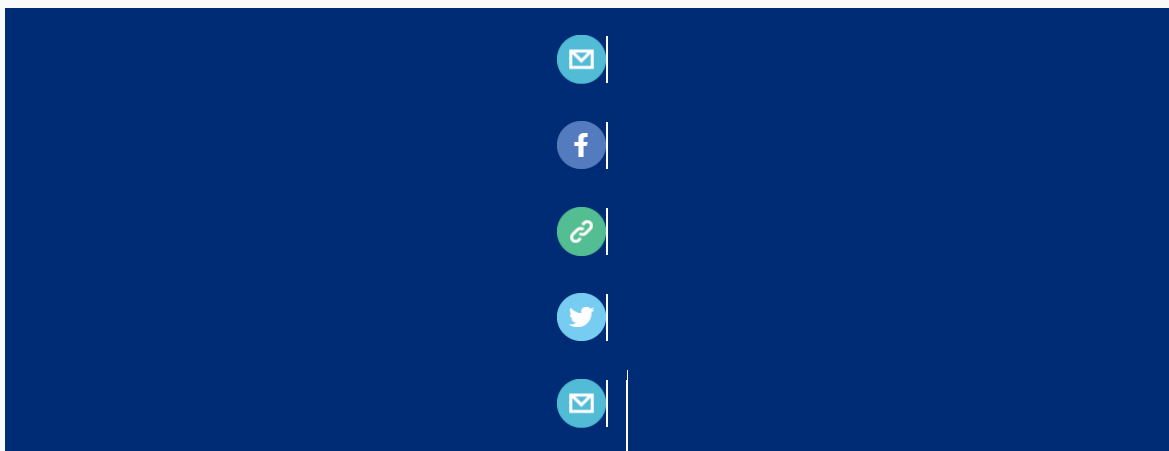
LGA caps Local Gov't Month celebration

The Philippine Local Government Forum, a month-long celebration of the 29th anniversary of the Local Government Code composed of 17 sessions focused on sharing relevant knowledge meaningful in identifying opportunities and recommendations to improve local actions, officially ended on Oct. 29, 2020.

Local Government Academy (LGA) Exec. Dir. Thelma Vecina said, *“We have envisioned this forum to be an avenue to celebrate the gains of the Code and to honor our local governments.”*

The forum served as an avenue not only to celebrate the triumphant step the nation took in 1991, but also to strengthen and empower the local governments being at the forefront in developing sustainable and resilient Filipino communities.

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